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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions:

Listing of claims:

1. (Original) A forestry management process comprising:
 - inserting, by making a hole, at least one tag having a frequency capable of being read by a scanner into a mature tree;
 - associating at least one item of information with said at least one tag;
 - performing at least one subsequent scan on said at least one tag, wherein said subsequent scan takes place after said at least one tag is inserted into said tree;
 - obtaining said at least one item of information associated with said at least one tag;
 - wherein said at least one item of information is relevant to forestry management;
 - wherein the inserting of said at least one tag has a negligible physiological impact on said tree.
2. (Canceled) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein the inserting of said at least one tag has a negligible physiological impact on said tree.
3. (Currently Amended) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein the inserting of said at least one tag leaves an immediate minimal visual mark on said tree.
4. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is inserted into the trunk portion of said tree.

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5. (Currently Amended) The forestry management process as in claim 4 4, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is inserted in the base portion of said tree, and wherein said tag in the base portion of said tree matches said tag in the trunk portion of said tree.
6. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said at least one item of information is changed after performing said subsequent scan.
7. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said at least one item of information comprises at least one of a tree identifier, a border marking, an owner marking, an environmental assessment, an area identifier, and a harvest date.
8. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said at least one item of information is related to data in a remote data base.
9. (Currently Amended) The forestry management process as in claim 8, wherein said data in said remote data base comprises instructions ~~on how to manage said tree~~ on when to harvest said tree.
10. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, further comprising sending said at least one item of information associated with said at least one tag to a computer
11. (Currently Amended) The forestry management process as in claim 10, wherein said computer gives instruction ~~on how to manage said tree~~ when to harvest said tree.
12. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 10, wherein said computer system is linked with a computer.

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13. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 10, wherein said computer is linked with a scanning system.
14. (Currently Ammended) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said subsequent scan is performed with a scanner mounted on at least one of ~~a vehicle~~, a lumber yard entrance, a lumber yard building, and a truck inspection station.
15. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said frequency is a radio frequency.
16. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is passive.
17. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is active.
18. (Currently Amended) A forestry management process comprising:
 inserting, by making a hole, at least one tag having a frequency capable of being read by a scanner into a mature tree;
 scanning said at least one tag by a person;
 associating at least one item of information with said at least one tag;
 performing at least one subsequent scan on said at least one tag;
 obtaining said at least one item of information associated with said at least one tag;
 wherein said frequency is identifiable over other frequencies;
 wherein said at least one item of information is relevant to forestry management;
 wherein said at least one item of information is related to data in a remote data base;

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wherein the inserting of said at least one tag has a negligible physiological impact on said tree;
wherein information associated with said at least one tag includes a harvest identifier; and
harvesting said tree, wherein at least one tag remains in said tree at least until said tree arrives at a processing center.

19. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 18, wherein said person may alter said associated data.

20. (Currently Amended) A forestry management process comprising:

inserting, by making a hole, at least one tag having a frequency capable of being read by a scanner into a harvesting portion of a tree and wherein said frequency is pre-associated with at least one item of information relating to forestry management;

scanning said at least one tag;

obtaining said at least one item of information associated with said at least one tag;

wherein said at least one item of information is related to forestry management; and

inserting at least one additional tag into a stump portion of said tree, where said stump portion is a non-harvested portion of said tree;

wherein said at least one additional tag matches said at least one tag;

wherein said at least one tag is associated with information concerning the location of said at least one additional tag;

wherein the said at least one tag leaves a minimal visual mark in the harvesting portion of said tree.